

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended)

A filtration device comprising:

a filtration tank, having an upper filtration media support member ~~filter plate~~ and a lower filtration media support member ~~filter plate~~ which are vertically separated, the upper filtration media support member ~~filter plate~~ supporting a layer of first particulate filtration media; and

a cleansing mechanism, comprising:

a vertically oriented hollow cleansing tank provided in the filtration tank;

a cleansing means, for conveying the first filtration media upwards within the cleansing tank while cleansing the first filtration media;

a contaminant expulsion means, for expelling contaminants separated from the first filtration media during cleansing to the exterior of the filtration tank; wherein:

during normal filtration, liquid which has been filtered by the filtration media is passed through the upper filtration media support member and the lower

filtration media support member ~~filter plates~~ and discharged therethrough;

the upper filtration media support member ~~filter plate~~ comprises a great number of liquid passage portions, of a size which is difficult for the first filtration media to pass through; and

a layer of second filtration media, which are greater in size than the first filtration media, is provided between the upper filtration media support member and the lower filtration media support member ~~two filter plates~~; and

liquid spraying pipes, for spraying the second filtration media ~~provided between the two filter plates~~ from the exterior, provided on the outer wall of the filtration tank,

wherein a cleansing fluid is sprayed toward the layer of the second filtration media by the liquid spraying pipes, to separate contaminants attached to the second filtration media by the stream of cleansing fluid.

Claim 2 (Original)

A filtration device as defined in claim 1, wherein:

the cleansing means comprises a screw conveyor, which is suspended from the upper portion of the filtration tank; and

the screw conveyor is configured to be rotated by a drive portion, which is provided at the upper portion of the filtration tank.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended)

A filtration device as defined in claim 1, wherein:

the upper filtration media support member ~~filter plate~~ is a mesh member, having mesh openings that constitute the liquid passage portions.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended)

A filtration device as defined in claim 1, wherein:

a plurality of strainers, for discharging the filtered liquid, are provided at the lower filtration media support member ~~of the two filter plate~~.

Claim 5 (Cancelled)

Claim 6 (Currently Amended)

A filtration device as defined in claim 1, further comprising:

a vibration generating device, for imparting vibration to the second filtration media provided between the upper filtration media support member and the lower filtration media support member ~~two filter plates~~; wherein:

vibration is propagated toward the layer of the second filtration media by the vibration generating device, to separate contaminants attached to the second filtration media by the vibration imparted thereto.